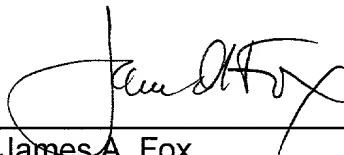


## REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification, for example at page 10, lines 17-19; page 16, lines 16-20; page 17, lines 4-6 and 13-14; and in Figs. 2, 11-13, and 17-19. No new matter is introduced by the amendment.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and request that they be considered by the Examiner. Copies of reference numbers A3 and A8 are enclosed herewith, however, each of the other references cited on the attached was previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in prior application Serial No. 09/196,125, filed November 20, 1998, therefore no copies are enclosed. This information disclosure statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), therefore, no fee is due.

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